

Appl. No. 10/668,447
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Reply to Office Action of December 17, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-7, 9-15, and 17-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, and 16 have been canceled. Claims 2, 5-7, 9, 12-15, and 17-22 have been amended. No new matter has been added to the amended claims. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The office action indicated that claims 2-5, 7, 9-13, 15, and 17-21 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 2, 5, 9, and 17 have been amended into independent claims to include all of the elements of the intervening base claim. Claim 6 is now dependent on claim 5. Claim 7 is dependent on claim 2. Claims 14-15 are now dependent on claim 13. Claims 18-21 are dependent on claim 17. Claim 22 is now dependent on claim 21.

Applicant believes that claims 2-7, 9-15, and 17-22 are now allowable.

New Claims

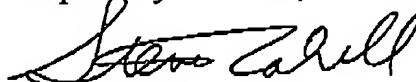
New claims 23-27 have been added to the present application to provide additional coverage of the present invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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